Release of Sindhu water for Gujarat

3003. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Government has sought the release of Sindhu (river) water for its arid District of Kutch from Islamabad;

(b) whether Government propose to take up this question with Pakistan as confidence building measure during proposed Indo-Pak talks; and

(c) whether Government are aware that it will provide great relief to the parched areas of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) Government of Gujarat has requested the Union Government for providing waters of the river Indus to the Kutch region of Gujarat by taking up the matter with Pakistan.

(b) This issue is not in the agenda of the Permanent Indus Commission.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Centrally-sponsored water scheme in Karnataka

3004. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally-sponsored schemes being implemented in Karnataka for providing assistance to State Government for augmenting water resources and exploitation thereof;

(b) the year-wise amount allocated alongwith the amount released to Karnataka during the last three years, till date; and

(c) what has been the achievement of this State with regard to conservation of additional water and exploitation of water resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) to (c) As reported by the State Government, Karnataka State is not receiving any Central assistance for augmenting water resources and exploitation thereof. However the Central Government is providing central assistance for On Farm Development and other allied Command Area Development (CAD) activities under the centrally sponsored CAD programme in the command